

SENATOR LAMB: The Chair recognizes Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I, too, have had a great concern. I can see increase for the cities, I can see increase for the counties, I can see increase, requests an increase right down the line, but we're truly not doing anything for state aid to schools. Utility bills are going up, insurance is going up. Most of the school budgets are increasing, 6, 6.5 percent. What are we doing? We're turning our backs on that, trying to be goody-goody to everybody and yet where the two property tax costs are, are our schools, and what are we doing about it? We're doing nothing. I guess maybe they've not been the strongest lobbyists down here for state aid to education. Senator Moore is correct. I do have some amendments filed, somewhat to give you the options. One is on LB 84, 20 million out of that. I commend Senator Kristensen for attaching it to this bill. I'll go down the list of amendments that I do have filed. I have one on LB 84, \$20 million for state aid. That, to me, is property tax relief, or at least it helps. It's not relief. It's just more or less to hold it even. I have an amendment on LB 89. My teachers would almost like to kill me. They are saying that I'm taking away their money by putting LB 89 in state aid to education. I simply do not agree; 80 percent of the salaries of the school districts are...or 80 percent of the cost are teachers' salaries so I don't feel that I'm killing LB 89 by putting it into the system that we have now and the current formulas without building into something that we may or may not be able to sustain. I also have an amendment on LB 736, the income tax reduction. I don't know what the body feels about that. There is a credit, I think a child credit, a credit to the elderly \$8 million. I'm forgiving it back to the people that have paid the tax and I think property tax or school aid is far more equitable than a portion of that bill, but I'm just telling the body what I have filed. This is a real concern of mine. We have, if you go back one more year in state aid to schools, in 1981...

SENATOR LAMB: One minute, Senator.

SENATOR NELSON: ...we have increased state aid about \$40 million, but if you go back to the '82 and '83 figure we have not. And I don't know, it's up to the body to figure out which step they want to take. I would hope that we could do LB 89 and also do Senator Kristensen's \$18 million. I guess that I'll kind of wait to see how it goes and I probably will